My ever dear Brother — Rome July 6th 1821

I have received your letter to Day and it gives me the greatest pleasure — I have long wished to hear of you, and now to hear such a very good account, would make me (had I not been so by not yet hearing) sing "Old Rose & burn the Hollands" for joy. — I have long anticipated your success in Music because you evinced from the first such a good taste, yet you are singularly fortunate to have had an early impression on the Public, you are right to go on at present with those things that will sell —

July 18th — We have in the mean time removed to a most beautiful Villa at Frascati (12 miles from Rome) which our friend The Right Hon. H. Fox (Lord Holland's son) has very kindly lent us — How I wish you could be with us in this paradise — It is in the midst of magnificent woods with a most extensive view over the Campagna of Rome — The house is very large & elegantly furnished — with a choice collection of books — of Mr. Fox's principally English classics — The great Charles Fox was his Uncle so that there are numbers of works interesting in the highest degree at the present moment, where the sublime principles of Fox are becoming established all over Europe — Mr Lewis is enchanted & says that it is like a dream — like coming to a fairy palace — We have brought our Piano Forte, and I have begun giving a large portion as we are to stay here 4 Months — We are living here with all the house to ourselves — upwards of 30 rooms —

Our little boy Walter, must be exactly the same age

dr. gown's, he was born 12th. October 1831. now tell me when gown was born. I have sent you a portrait of [illegible] my dear Eliza, which I commenced painting when I received your letter it is a good likeness & not as the last I started. the dress was one of my invention & he got great praise for it.

I intended to write such a merry epistle when to! I have just got word that I must go to Rome for a day or two & will write you again soon. in the meantime I send this to Mr. Fox to be sent to you with the picture & the rest which are brought by a King's messenger. Pray send me any of your compositions in Music if you have an opportunity. So Farewell my dearest Brother. Eliza sends her love to you all, and begs me to say that she cant go and see any more sights or wonders in Rome or elsewhere until you come to Italy & see them with her. She is all agog at the idea of your coming. Do you think it will ever be possible to come and see us in Italy. it would be no more than the expence of the journey 18£ each way. we have house & home and the warmest hearts to receive you. You could perhaps turn it to some account in passing thro' Germany, & Italy I suppose you would be able to learn but little in Music. It takes 6 Weeks to come to Rome; Once more God bless Remember us all most dearly at home & believe me

ever your loving Brother

Joseph